THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

The Freedom of the Preſs is one of the great Bulwarks of Liberty, and can never be reſtrained but by deſpotic Governments.

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HARTFORD, *Auguſt* 25.

LAST night General Parſons, with 7 or 800 men, went on Long Iſland to bring off a party of the enemy poſted at Setalket, which he intended to have taken by ſurpriſe; but it ſeems that, by means of ſome infernal Tory, they had been appriſed of his coming for many days, and were ſo ſtrongly fortified as rendered the attempt ineffectual. However, he took a number of blankets, and 12 or 13 horſes belonging to the Britiſh troops, and returned the next day in ſafety. This ſhews how much we ſuffer from infernal foes, who get knowledge of our moſt ſecret movements, and find means to convey it to the enemy.

PHILADELPHIA, *Auguſt* 30.

WE hear, that ſince the enemy have landed at the Elk, the number of priſoners and deſerters from them amount to about 60. Yeſterday ſeveral were brought to this city.

By the accounts of deſerters from the enemy, their ſituation muſt be very diſagreeable and diſtreſſing, as the the number of ſick is conſiderable, having increaſed greatly ſince they landed, and they are ſo cloſely obſerved by the militia, that they dare not venture out far to procure freſh proviſions. That numbers of ſeamen as well as ſoldiers are determined to deſert the firſt opportunity; the latter in particular are greatly diſſatisfied, on account of their bad proviſions, for which even beſt part of their pay is ſtopped, as they do not receive more than twopence halfpenny a day, and when that happens to be paid them, it is not in their power to purchaſe any vegetables, which the poor fellows are now more deſirous of than ever they were of liquor. And that ſoon after their landing they loſt near thirty horſes, having turned them into a corn field, where the creatures eat to ſuch exceſs that they expired before the Engliſh farriers could diſcover their diſorder, and adminiſter any thing to their relief.

September 2. James Irvine, Eſq; of this city (late Colonel of a Pennſylvania battalion in the continental army) is appointed a Brigadier General of this State.

A Gentleman arrived in town laſt week from New Jerſey informs us, that General Sullivan, with 1500 men, under Generals Smallwood and Borie, went from Morriſtown laſt Thurſday fortnight at noon, croſſed at Elizabeth town point, and was on Staten Iſland at day-break the next morning. One party went towards New York till they got in ſight of it, the other went towards Amboy. In their courſe killed many of the new levies, and took Colonels Allen, Barton, and Dongan, 2 Majors, 4 Captains, 6 Lieutenants, 2 ſurgeons mates, and 203 privates, with which they croſſed to Amboy about two o'clock. About three o'clock the rear guard of our army, conſiſting of 126 men, was attacked, and twice repulſed the aſſailants, who ſuffered much in killed; but our party having expended all their ammunition, were obliged to ſurrender; among which are Col. Antill, Major John Stewart, of Maryland, a Major of Col. Hazen's regiment, and two other Majors, with 6 or 7 other officers. Four officers of ours are miſſing.

On the 15th of June died at Jamaica, his Excellency Sir Baſil Keith, Governor of that Iſland.

Extract of a letter from HANOVER (Eaſt Jerſey) *dated Aug.* 24.

"About 11 o'clock laſt night I returned to this place from an excurſion upon Staten Iſland. Thurſday, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the diviſion marched from this place, and arrived at Elizabeth town at 10 in the evening; moved down to Halſted's point, where there were boats collected, and at day-break the diviſion had completely croſſed. Col. Ogden, with his own regiment, Col. Dayton's, and about 100 militia, croſſed at the ſame time at the Old Blazing Star. General Sullivan moved with General Deborre's brigade, to attack Col. Barton's regiment that lay at the New Star. General Smallwood, with his brigade, moved in another column to the Dutch church, to attack Col. Buſcark's regiment; and Col. Ogden marched in another column to attack Allen's, Lawrence's, and Dungan's regiments, that lay about the Old Star. General Smallwood's guide, inſtead of bringing him in the rear of the regiment, led him in full front of them; they formed on the eaſt ſide of the bridge, and the General was moving over in a ſolid column to attack them; but the enemy, unwilling to be ſhot at, retreated to their lines in the north eaſt part of the iſland. Inſtead of Buſcark's, it was a Britiſh regiment which retreated ſo precipitately that the General took their ſtand of colours, burnt 7 ſmall armed veſſels, and a large barn full of forage. The General being ordered not to go any further than that place, joined General Sullivan at the New Star, who had in a little time ſettled the matter with Col. Barton's regiment, they being but few in number, and the greateſt poltroons I ever ſaw.

"They made a ſhew of fighting, but did not ſtand to receive our fire; we took about 30 of them, and their Colonel. Col. Ogden's party advancing with the utmoſt precipitation, drove the cowardly enemy before them, took Col. Lawrence, 3 Captains, 6 ſubalterns, one doctor, and 80 privates. General Sullivan marched the diviſion to the Old Star, and got them all over except the rear guard, which the enemy advanced upon and took. The bravery of the little party commanded by Major Stewart would do honour to the firſt troops in the world; they were poſted behind a hedge, and kept up ſuch a blaze upon the enemy, that they were forced to retreat every time they advanced; the little party, conſiſting of not more than fifty men having bravely maintained their poſt and expended their ammunition, Major Stewart, whoſe gallant behaviour would do honour to the firſt of characters, told his party that he had too great a reſpect for their bravery to ſacrifice them, that he would ſurrender himſelf, and give thoſe, that could ſwim an opportunity to get off; they all pulled off their hats, and begged of him not to ſurrender; that ſome of them had two cartridges left, that they would fire them, and ſtand by him till they were cut to pieces; Stewart fixed a white handkerchief upon the point of his ſword, and walked as cool as if he had been going to ſhake hands with a friend; many of the party got over the river. The action was grand, though horrid. I plainly ſaw the whole. We have loſt three Majors, ſome Captains, ſubalterns, ſtragglers, and in all one hundred and twenty ſeven privates."

SIR, HEAD QUARTERS, *Auguſt* 25, 1777.

A MESSENGER is juſt arrived with the incloſed letters from General Arnold and Colonel Ganſevoort; I am happy in communicating them to your Excellency. Great honour is due to Colonel Ganſevoort, Lieutenant Colonel Willet, and the officers and ſoldiers of the garriſon under their command; I cannot too warmly recommend them to Congreſs. The gallant defence of Fort Stanwix, muſt convince all the weſtern nations of Indians of the ſuperiority of the American arms.

I am, Sir, your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

HORATIO GATES.

His Excellency JOHN HANCOCK, *Eſq; Preſident of Congreſs.*

SIR, *Head Quarters. Auguſt* 28, 1777.

IN the packet, I have the honour to tranſmit to your Excellency a copy of a letter I received laſt night from Major General Arnold. The defeat and diſgrace with which the enemy have been obliged to retreat from Fort Schuyler, added to the complete and brilliant victory gained by General Stark and Colonel Warner, at Bennington, gives the brighteſt luſtre to the American arms, and covers the enemies of the United States with infamy and ſhame. The horrid murders and ſcalpings paid for and encouraged by Lieutenant General Burgoyne, previous to his defeat at Bennington, will forever ſtain the honour of the Britiſh arms. In one houſe, the parents, with ſix children, were moſt cruelly butchered; and this polite maccaroni paid ten dollars for each of their ſcalps. Heaven has, I hope, in ſtore, ſome puniſhment for ſuch unheard of crimes.

I am, Sir, your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

HORATIO GATES.

The Hon. John Hancock, *Eſquire.*

DEAR SIR, *Fort Schuyler, Auguſt* 22, 1777.

THIS morning at 11 o'clock I began a heavy cannonade upon our enemies works, which was immediately returned by a number of ſhells and cannon. About 3 o'clock ſeveral deſerters came in, who informed me that General St. Ledger with his army was retreating, with the utmoſt precipitation; ſoon after which, I ſent out a party of about ſixty men to enter their camps, who ſoon returned and confirmed the above account. About 7 o'clock this evening Hanjort Schuyler arrived here, and informed me that General Arnold with two thouſand men were on their march for this poſt; in conſequence of which I ſend you this information.

I am, dear Sir, your's, &c.

PETER GANSEVOORT, Colonel.

To the Hon General Arnold, *or officer commanding the army on their march to* Fort Schuyler.

Mohawk river, ten miles above FORT DAYTON *August* 23, 1777, *five, o'clock, P. M.*

DEAR GENERAL,

I wrote you the 21ſt inſtant from the German Flats, that from the beſt intelligence I could procure of the enemy's ſtrength, it was much ſuperior to ours, at ſame time incloſed you a copy of the reſolutions of a council of war, and requeſted you to ſend me a reinforcement of one thouſand light troops. As the enemy had made their approaches within two hundred yards of the fort, I was determined at all events to hazzard a battle, rather than ſuffer the garriſon to fall a ſacrifice; this morning I marched from the German Flats for this place; the exceſſive bad roads, and neceſſary precautions in marching through a thick wood, retarded us ſo much that we have but this moment reached this place, where I have met an expreſs with the incloſed letter from Col. Ganſevoort, acquainting me the enemy had yeſterday retired from Fort Schuyler with great precipitation; I am at a loſs to judge of their real intentions, whether they have returned home, or retired with a view of engaging us on the road, I am inclined to the former, from the account of the deſerters, and from their leaving their tents, and conſiderable baggage which our people have ſecured.

I ſhall immediately detach about nine hundred men, and make a forced march to the fort, in hopes of coming up with the rear, and ſecuring their cannon and heavy baggage. I am, dear General,

Your affectionate, obedient humble ſervant,

Hon. Major General GATES. B. ARNOLD.

Fort Schuyler, Auguſt 24th, 1777. *Ten o'Clock at night.*

DEAR GENERAL,

I wrote you yeſterday that the enemy had retreated from this place; at 5 o'clock this evening, by a forced march of 22 miles, through a thick wood, I reached this place in expectation of harraſſing the enemy in their retreat; Colonel Ganſevoort had anticipated my deſign, by ſending out a ſmall party, who brought in four royals, and a conſiderable quantity of baggage, with a number of priſoners and deſerters; the enemy went off with the greateſt precipitation, leaving their tents ſtanding, their proviſions, amunition, &c. which have fallen into our hands.

I am, dear General, your affectionate,

Hon. Major General GATES. B. ARNOLD.

Publiſhed by order of CONGRESS,
CHARLES THOMPSON, *Sec'ry.*

BALTIMORE, *Sept.* 2. We have taken 100 of the enemy priſoners, near Elk, and 16 more have deſerted to our army. Their army conſiſts, it is ſaid, of 22,000. General Waſhington has 14,000 regulars, and 8 or 10,000 Militia.

Died.] At Philadelphia, Colonel Read, of Virginia.

To Meſſ. DIXON & HUNTER.

Gentlemen; YORK County, *Sept.* 8, 1777.

SALT being an article eſſentially neceſſary, and our uſual reſources having failed, I (as many others) have been driven to the attempt of making it for my own uſe, and ſhall make no apology for offering to the public, through your uſeful paper, the method, which from repeated experiments, I have found to be good, perhaps the beſt.

The water, when firſt taken from the river (which ſhould be done at high tide) is apt to be foul, and will therefore need to be ſettled in ponds, vats, or hogſheads, as moſt convenient. This done, boil down and fill up your kettle again two or three times, and at the laſt filling up, before it begins to boil, there ſhould be gently put in the white of an egg, well beaten up in a quart or two of ſalt water. [One egg will do for 100 gallons.] Obſerve not to ſtir it till it begins to boil; after ſtirring it, take off the ſcum as faſt as it riſes; when the grain begins to form, ſlacken your fire, and when a conſiderable quantity of ſalt ſhews itſelf at the bottom of your kettle, take it out and put it into baſkets to drain. You ſhould have veſſels to receive the brine as it drains from the baſkets, that you may return it into your kettle; and you are ſtill to go on taking out the ſalt as it forms, and putting it into baſkets, as before, till at laſt, little remaining, you are to pour the ſalt and brine out of the kettle into a pail, where let it ſtand about ten minutes; then gently pour off the bittern, and drain the remaining ſalt in baſkets: But this ſalt will not dry ſo faſt as any of the preceding, nor will it be ſo white; for which reaſon, I generally chooſe rather, after pouring of the bittern (for if that remains, it will hurt the ſalt) to let it go in with the next boiling.

At firſt, I laboured under great difficulty for want of a proper method of drying the ſalt; but at length have hit upon the following expedient, which renders it as dry, and as good, as any imported. Prepare a bed of ſand (the fineſt is to be preferred) of dimenſions proportioned to the quantity of ſalt you make; add from time to time, as you uſe it, freſh ſand, or ſubſtitute an entire new bed, as moſt convenient: This ſand, when uſed, muſt be moiſtened with freſh water, but not more than enough to make it ſtick together, and muſt be covered with a thin linen cloth. As ſoon as the ſalt in your baſkets is drained as well as it can be, without ſuffering it to grow cool, ſpread it over the linen, one inch thick, or two inches at moſt; and within ten minutes it will be perfectly dry.

I am, Gentlemen, your humble ſervant,

JOSEPH STROUD.

P. S. Such Perſons as have kettles to let out for ſalt, would oblige me by giving me the offer of them. J. S.

WILLIAMSBURG, *September* 12.

Extract of a letter from a member of Congreſs to his Excellency the Governor, dated Philadelphia, *September* 1, 1777.

GENERAL Howe moves very ſlowly on, having advanced not above 8 or 10 miles in a week; his main body being now between the Head of Elk and their place of landing; his advanced parties being about two miles on this ſide upon Gray's Hill. General Waſhington's head quarters are at Wilmington, and his main body about 8 miles advanced towards the enemy. If General Howe ſhould inſiſt on coming forward, I ſuppoſe a battle muſt enſue, and ſhortly too; the militia turns out with great ſpirit, and in conſiderable numbers. We have already, in various ſucceſsful ſkirmiſhes, taken 84 priſoners, and 20 have deſerted Captain Lee (ſon of Col. Henry Lee) of Colonel Bland's light-horſe, brought in 24 of the enemy priſoners the other day. I believe they rather exceeded in number the whole of his troop."

THE Subſcriber, on Account of his ill State of Health, intending ſoon to leave this Commonwealth, begs the Favour of thoſe Perſons to himſelf and Company are indebted, to apply to Mr. *George Sparling* of *Suffolk*, who will diſcharge every Demand that may be brought againſt me. JOHN LAWRENCE.

GLOUCESTER County, *Sept.* 10, 1777.

FOUND, by the Subſcriber, aground, near new *Point Comfort*, a SLOOP nearly new, Burthen about 45 Tons, her Rigging pretty good, laden with Flour and Bread. She has received ſome Damage by her having a couple of Holes lately cut in her Deck. I ſhould be glad to know who is the Owner. (‖) RICHARD BILLUPS.

MANCHESTER, *September* 1, 1777.

THE Subſcber will diſpoſe of the following Tracts of LAND at moderate Prices, and allow a reaſonable Time to pay the Money, or he will exchange them for ſmall Tracts of good Tobacco Land, not exceeding 30 Miles from the Falls of *James* River.

1754 Acres in *Bedford* County, on both Sides of the north Fork of *Otter* River, has a good Deal of cleared Land upon it, a Meadow, a large Apple and Peach Orchard, produces Tobacco of the beſt Quality, and an extenſive Range for Stock of all Kinds; 300 and odd Acres on the ſame Water Courſe, with about 50 Acres of cleared Land, and a good Mill upon it with a never-failing Stream; 200 and odd Acres in *Louiſa* County, upon the *South* River, oppoſite to the Rev. Mr. *Todd's*, and formerly belonged to *John* and *Thomas Eaſt*, and I believe one of them now lives upon it; Part of this Tract are low Grounds; 108 Acres in the ſame County, where *David Coſby*, Junior, formerly lived, on the main Road to the Courthouſe, a ſmall Diſtance above where Mr. *Juett* kept Ordinary ſome Years ago; 400 Acres on *Mechunk* Creek, in *Albermarle* County, which formerly belonged to one *Webſter*; 337 Acres on the Head Branches of *Cunningham's* Creek, in *Albermarle* County, empties into the *North* River, and I underſtand one *Hancock* lives upon the Land; 226 Acres in *Amherſt* County, on *Wilderneſs* Creek, which formerly belong to *David Davenport*; —— Acres in *Goochland* County, near *Lickingbole* Church, and upon the main Road where *Francis Hilly* formerly lived ---- The above will direct any Perſons inclinable to purchaſe to a View of the Lands, and I ſhall attend at *Hanover* Courts in *October* and *November* next, to inform them of the Prices and other Particulars. (6) ALEX: BAINE.

ESSEX County, *Auguſt* 6, 1777.

THIS is to inform Capt. *Samuel Hawes*, of the 2d *Virginia* Regiment, that ſome Time in *September* laſt I was indulged with a Furlough from Brigadier General *Lewis*, for the Recovery of my Health, and have ever ſince been afflicted with a tedious Spell of Sickneſs, which has taken away the Uſe of my Limbs, ſo that I have never been able to join my Company. And whereas I underſtand that ſome treacherous Perſons have been very buſy in adviſing Capt. *Hawes* to adverriſe me as a Deſerter, which I hope will not be the Caſe, as he knows me to be true and faithful Soldier, and was always ready and willing to ſerve my Country at all Times. During my Sickneſs I ſuffered greatly for the Want of Money to ſubſiſt on; and, being ſo circumſtanced, I made ſeveral Applications to my Officers for Money to ſupport me in my Sickneſs, but never was ſupplied with any. (2‖) REUBEN GIBSON.

FOR Sale, one of the beſt Pilots in *Virginia*, from Cape *Henry* to the Head of the Bay, and Rivers thereof, named *James Tarrpin*, for whom Security, or Credit, as the Purchaſer and the Owner can agree. Eaſter & Quarter. SAMUEL MEREDITH, &c.

At a Meeting of the Viſitors and Governors of WILLIAM *and* MARY *College, held on Friday the 29th of Auguſt*, 1777.

IT appearing from the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the College Books, that great Loſſes have been ſuſtained for many Years paſt from the lowneſs of Board hitherto paid by the Students and Scholars, and that ſuch Loſſes are likely to be greatly increaſed hereafter, by the preſent Advance in the Prices of Proviſions and other neceſſaries. Ordered, that the Board of Students and Scholars be increaſed to £. 26 per Annum, to be paid Half yearly in Advance, and to commence on the 29th Day of *September* next; and that a Copy of this Order be publiſhed three Weeks ſucceſſively in the *Virginia* Gazette.

Extract from the Minutes.

JACOB BRUCE, Clk. Com.

LANCASTER, *Auguſt* 30, 1777.

ALL Perſons having Demands againſt *Burges Ball*, Eſq; are deſired to make them known, and apply for Payment. The Subſcriber is impowered to diſcharge them. HENRY ARMISTEAD.

RICHMOND, *Auguſt* 29, 1777.

TO BE SOLD, at the Town of *Edenton*, in *North Carolina*, on Monday the 15th of *September* next, for ready Money, and to be paid in Gold, Continental or *Virginia* Currency, the Schooner GOOD INTENT, Burthen about 50 Tons, together with the Cargo, conſiſting of about 3 Hogſheads upland Tobacco, a Liſt of which will be ſhewn at the Day of Sale, upwards of 1300 white Oak Hogſhead Staves, 900 Heading, and 18 Barrels of Naval Stores. The Veſſel is well fitted with every Thing neceſſary to proceed on a Voyage to *Europe* or the *Weſt Indies*.

(2) JOSHUA STORRS, for *Joſhua Storrs, Hugh Walker*, & Co.

TO BE SOLD, at *Goochland* Courthouſe, on the third *Monday* in *November* next, by Virtue of a Decree of Court, a Tract of good Land where *Francis Hilley*, deceaſed, lived, containing 110 Acres; there is a ſmall Plantation cleared upon it. I will give 12 Months Credit to the Purchaſer giving Bond, with approved Security.

(6) DAVID ROSS, Admr.

I will alſo ſell, at private Sale, a Tract of LAND in *Goochland* County, on *Lichinghole* Creek, where Captain *Meredith Price* lives, containing 210 Acres; and a Tract of 94 Acres within a Mile of the other, with a good Orchard upon it. The Time of Payment will be made agreeable to the Purchaſer. DAVID ROSS.

TO BE SOLD, for ready Money, on *Thurſday* the 2d Day of *October* next, at the Plantation that lately belonged to Major *Burges Ball*, in *Lancaſter* County, 100 Head of Cattle, 80 Head of Sheep, a Number of Hogs, a fine ſix oared Barge, ſeveral Thouſand Feet of Plank and Scantling, a Quantity of fine redliſh coloured Flag Stone, 10 Horſes, Corn, Wheat, and Fodder. The Sale to continue till the Whole is diſpoſed off. (4) HENRY ARMISTEAD.

RICHMOND, *Auguſt* 26, 1777.

THE new Ropery now erecting at this Place by *Archibald Cary* & Co. is in immediate Want of a Manager who perfectly underſtands the conducting and managing that Branch of Buſineſs, alſo two or three good Spinners, to whom extraordinary Wages will be given, and proper Dwelling Houſes provided for them convenient to their Work. The Company propoſes that the Manager ſhall be (if he chooſes) intereſted in one Share, and the Money advanced him clear of Intereſt, until he finds it convenient to repay it, alſo to furniſh him with a complete Dwelling-Houſe, with all other convenient Outhouſes, Garden, and Paſturage, Rent free, either for a ſingle Man or Family, Proviſions for the ſame, at the Expence of the Company. His annual Wages to be fixed, on Application being made to me The ſooner Application is made the better. None need apply but thoſe who can be recommended as perfectly underſtanding the afore-mentioned Branch of Buſineſs.

JOSHUA STORRS, Manager for *Archibald Cary*, & Co.

RICHMOND, *Auguſt* 25, 1777.

I ſhall leave the Country in a few Weeks. (1) JOHN RO. STRACHAN.

DESERTED from the 2d *Virginia* Regiment in *New Jerſey*, the following Soldiers, viz. *Francis Dryſtil*, an *Iriſhman*, 33 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, ſhort light Hair, well made, chews Tobacco, and very fond of Liquor; took off with him his regimental blue Coat, with white Binding. —— *Strawther*, 5 Feet 7½ Inches high, red Hair, and much freckled; he lived ſome where about *Williamſburg*, ſerved in Capt. *Nicholas*'s Company the Campaign at *Norfolk*, was diſcharged in *Auguſt* 1776, and enliſted into the ſame Company again. *Benjamin Jones*, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, dark Complexion, well ſet, black Beard, and ſhort Hair; it is imagined that he is lurking about *Baltimore*, as his Parents live nigh that Town. *Joſeph Bryant*, 5 Feet 9 Inches high, fond of Liquor, and has a remarkable Scar on one of his Lips; he was enliſted in *King George* County, *Virginia*, and it is imagined he may be taken there, as his Parents live in the ſaid County. *William Denny*, an *Iriſhman*, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 Inches high, round ſhouldered, light Hair, much pitted with the Smallpox, and fond of Liquor. *John Saunders*, an *Iriſhman*, about 28 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 Inches high, ſhort light Hair, and ſmooth faced. *John Stokes*, a *Virginian*, about 30 Years of Age, ſhort dark Hair, round Face, and fond of Liquor. *Thomas Conneran*, an *Iriſhman*, 20 Years of Age, 5 Feet 5 Inches high, ſhort black Hair. *Richard Lewis*, an *Engliſhman*, 35 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 Inches high, ſhort dark Hair, much marked with the Smallpox; he formerly lived in *Loudoun* County, *Virginia*. *Thomas Trap*, Serjeant, 30 Years of Age, 6 Feet high, dark Hair, ſlim made, pitted with the Smallpox, talks in a whining Manner; his Wife, who was heavy with Child, went off with him. *Philip Ragan*, Corporal, 22 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 Inches high, brown Hair, ſpeaks fierce, of a dark Complexion. *Brice Ragan*, a Private, Brother to *Philip*, near his Size, 20 Years of Age, fair Complexion, of an agreeable Look. *Henry Mace*, a Private, 5 Feet 8 Inches high, well ſet, fair faced, had a blue hunting Shirt when he went off; the Serjeant, Corporal, and *Philip Ragan*, carried off their Regimentals of Blue with white Worſted Binding; they, with *Mace*, were enliſted into Captain *Alexander*'s Company, and may be taken in *Frederick* County, *Virginia*. EIGHT DOLLARS Reward for each Man, to be paid by

ALEXANDER SPOTSWOOD, Col. 2d *Virg.* Reg.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, out of the Commons at *Portſmouth*, ſome Time about the 17th of *July*, a young BAY HORSE about 6 Years old, has a ſmall Star in his Forehead, like the Heart of a Card, of the *Janus* Breed, ſtands ſtrait on his hind Legs, a little low before, has a Way of throwing the Saddle Cloth back when riding him, paces and trots, goes peaceably in a Chair, and is a little dull. Any Perſon who will take him up ſhall be handſomely rewarded, and if ſtolen, on Conviction of the Thief, FIFTY DOLLARS. Apply to me, or Mr. *John Bonneſt*, in *Portſmouth*. (tf) BENJAMIN BANNERMAN.

STRAYED from *Kingſmill*, a BLACK MARE 14 Hands high, with a Star in her Forehead, one hind Foot white, branded on the near Buttock I C. Whoever brings the ſaid Mare to *Lewis Burwell*, Eſq; at *Kingſmill*, or to me in *King William*, ſhall have 20s. Reward.

2‖ NATHANIEL BURWELL.

TO BE SOLD, to the higheſt Bidder, before Mr. *William Smith*'s Tavern, in *Fredericksburg*, on *Monday* the 6th Day of *October* next, at 12 o'Clock, a Tract of Land adjoining the old Recovery Furnace, about 6 or 7 Miles from *Fredericksburg*, it contains by Eſtimation 1600 Acres, and will be ſold altogether for ready Caſh, there are ſeveral Houſes upon it, but as it is expected, and I would recommend it to thoſe who incline to purchaſe, to view the Land before the Day of Sale. A Deſcription is unneceſſary. The Subſcriber will ſhew it to any who applies. —Two Negro Men adverriſed in this Gazette ſome Time ſince, viz. *Abraham* and *Ceſar* formerly the Property of *Philip Reades*, Eſq; of *King & Queen*, are not yet taken, any Perſon, who will deliver them to me, or have them confined in any Gaol, ſo that I get them, ſhall be gentecly rewarded. ANTHONY THORNTON, Jun.

FOR SALE, 700 Acres of LAND about 6 Miles from the Falls of *Nuce* River, in *Wake* County, *North Carolina*, it is exceeding good for Tobacco, Wheat, *Indian* Corn, &c. lies well, a beautiful and pleaſant Situation for building, very well watered, good Range for Stock, &c. ſituated in a very healthy Part of the Country, about 60 Miles from *Halifax*, and about 73 from *Croſs Creek*. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſame may apply to Mr. *Drury Harris* in *Wake* County, for Terms, &c. —— Alſo for Sale, 700 Acres of LAND in *Bute* and *Granville* Counties, on *Whetſone* Creek, betwixt *Burton*'s Ferry and *Collier*'s Ordinary; this Land is kind and good for Corn [illegible] For Terms apply to the Subſcriber. (5‖) JESSE BENTON.

TO BE SOLD,

To the highest Bidder, for ready Money, at Mr. *Smith*'s Tavern in *Fredericksburg*, two

WAGGONS and TEAMS.

The Horses are all large and young.

SEPT. 10, 1777. (2‖) THOMAS ALLEN.

TO BE SOLD, at public Auction, at *Petersburg*, on *Monday* the 6th Day of *October* next, a large Assortment of GOODS lately from *France*, consisting of the following Articles, *viz.* Fifteen Bales of Broadcloths, chiefly fine, of the most fashionable Colours, such as Scarlet, Crimson, good browns, green, light and dark Blues, white, yellow, Buff, *French* greys, and a Variety of other good Mixtures; also, seven Bales, consisting of one Half Scarlet, the other Half dark, green, and Buff; one Bale of *Silesia* Cloths, Scarlet Serge, blue ditto, Camlets, Barragons, or Burat; one Bale of Calicoes, one ditto *India* Chints, ditto Handkerchiefs; three Bales of sorted Worsted Hose, a Box of Buttons for the Cloths, Muslins, both Yard, and Yard and Half Yard wide, Muslin Handkerchiefs, and white *India* Calicoes.

*** Exclusive of the above are to be sold, by the single Piece or Yard, at private Sale, for ready Money, or good Tobacco, an Assortment of the same Kind of Cloths, with a few Pieces of Coatings, a Quantity of Writing Paper, Sail Twine, Mens and Womens Kid and Lamb Gloves and Mits, Worsted Stockings, white Calico, Humhums, Checks, plain and figured Gauze, Parisnet, Powder and Lead.

WILLIAM CALL.

TO BE SOLD, on the Premises, on *Wednesday* the 24th of *September*, a Tract of LAND in *Hanover* County, lying on *Stag* Creek, about 10 Miles above the Courthouse, containing about 5 or 600 Acres, belonging to the Estate of *William Tompkins*, deceased, which Land will be surveyed, and the just Quantity ascertained before the Day of Sale. The Land may be shewn by any of the Neighbours before the Time, or by the Executors the Day before the Sale. The Purchase Money must be paid on making a good Title.

(2‖) JOHN MINOR, BEN. TOMPKINS, FRANCIS TOMPKINS, } Exc.

CASH, BAR IRON, or CASTINGS, will be given at *Marlborough* Iron Works for a Number of labouring Men to cut Wood and other common Employment, whose Wages will be paid in either of the above mentioned Articles as soon as their Contracts are complied with.

ISAAC ZANE.

FREDERICK County, *August* 19, 1777.

RUN away the 21st Day of last Month, from the aforesaid Works, a Servant Man named HENRY MONCRIEF, born in *Scotland*, speaks broad, and has been used to the Sea, is about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 5 or 6 Inches high, dark Hair, thin spare Visage, large Eyes, long Nose, down Look, and his left arm much smaller than his right; his Dress cannot be particularly described, as he went off from his Work in the Day Time, and had on only a Country Linen Shirt, Tow Trousers, and an old Felt Hat, but it is supposed he has procured other Clothes. Any Person that secures said Servant, so that I get him again, shall receive TWENTY DOLLARS Reward, and reasonable charges if brought Home. (3) ISAAC ZANE.

BROKE out of *James City* County Gaol, on *Monday* Night, the 8th Instant, a Negro Fellow named BAILEY, about 20 Years of Age, well made, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, had on, when he went away, an old Bath Coat, and an Osnabrug Coat under it, an old Pair of short Linen Breeches, and an old Hat. I suppose he will endeavour to get over to *Gloucester*, as I bought him of *John Hallet* in said County. Whoever takes up the said Negro, and brings him to me in *Williamsburg*, shall have a Reward of FORTY SHILLINGS.

NICHOLAS SCOVEMONT.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

SPOTSYLVANIA, *September* 1, 1777.

RAN away from the Subscriber, the Middle of *April* last, a Mulatto Fellow named KENTER, about 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, and 30 Years of Age; had on, when he went away, a green Jacket with Sleeves, an under Jacket of spotted Swanskin, his other Clothes I do not remember. He was bought of Mr. *William Smith* in this County, and it is imagined he is lurking near that Place, where he has a Wife. Any Person who secures the said Fellow, and delivers him to me in *Fredericksburg*, or Mr. *Andrew Glassill* in *Culpeper* County, shall have the above Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by GEORGE MUIR.

EDUCATION.

THE great Want of public Schools for the Education of Youth, and the important Advantages arising to the Community from a proper Cultivation of the human Mind in its early State, together with the Expectations of a Recompence for discharging, with Credit, so laborious and useful an undertaking, have induced the Rev. Mr. *Andrews* and Mr. *Swanton*, to form a Resolution of opening a School at the Glebe, in *Sussex*, at *Christmas* next. As a Knowledge of *Latin* and *Greek* has always been judged necessary for some Professions in civil and active Life, Gentlemen who choose to send their Children will have them instructed in these Languages after the most approved Methods. And as teaching Boys only these, who are to be brought up to Trade and Business, or the mechanical Arts, is rather spending their Time to little Purpose; they will be enabled to acquire a grammatical Knowledge of their own Tongue, and taught to read with Propriety the best *English* Authors, Writing, Accompts, Geography, the most useful Branches of the Mathematicks and *French*. The strictest Care will be taken of their Morals and decent Behaviour, and they will be guided in the Paths of Religion according to the Doctrine of the Church of *England*.

The Price of Board in the Neighbourhood is, at present, £12 a Year, finding themselves Bedding. Tuition £5 a Year, the one Half to be paid at Admission, the other at the expiration of the Year.

SUSSEX, *August* 26, 1777. (4)

WILLIAMSBURG, *September* 12, 1777.

THE Officers of the 6th *Virginia* Regiment, at present on the recruiting Service, are desired to repair to *Fredericksburg* with their Recruits by the 10th Day of *October* next. Every possible method must be used to bring Blankets with them.

(2‖) THOMAS MASSIE, Capt. 6th *Virg.* Regt.

For SALE, the much celebrated Horse

CHILDERS,

As beautiful a Stud Horse as any in VIRGINIA,

HE is full Large, his Blood extraordinary good, and in full Perfection. Any Person inclinable to purchase such a Horse, cannot be better supplied than by applying to the Subscriber, in the lower End of *Louisa* County. (4‖) JAMES DILLARD.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subscriber, the 20th of *July*, two BAY HORSES, one of them a stout well made Horse, one if not both has hind Feet white, a Star in his Forehead, full 14 Hands high; the other not so well made, and near 14 Hands high, has the Appearance of a Fistula rising on his Withers. They have both been much worked in a Waggon; their Brands, if any, are forgot. I will give 20s for each, delivered to me in *Williamsburg*, and 10l. on Conviction of the Thief, if stolen. (4) JAMES CARTER.

PETERSBURG, *August* 27, 1777.

THE Subscriber has for Sale, sundry Negro Fellows and Wenches, among whom are an exceeding fine COOK, a good CARTWRIGHT, a BLACKSMITH, SPINNERS, FIELD NEGROES, *&c.*

ROE LATIMER.

ORANGE, *August* 28, 1777.

I intend for *Great Britain* by the first Opportunity. JOHN WINGATE.

FREDERICKSBURG, *August* 30, 1777.

THE Subscriber begs Leave to inform the Public he has removed from the Shop he lately occupied to the Shop kept by the late Mr. *Richard Lewis*, where he carries on the saddlery Business in its several Branches, and where Gentlemen may be supplied on short Notice, having laid in an Assortment of Materials of the best Quality, and the Work will be done on reasonable Terms, with Thanks to those who please to give Employ to (‖) EDWARD SIMPSON.

N. B Good Encouragement will be given to a Journeyman capable of working at the above Branches of Trade.

MECKLENBURG, *August* 26, 1777.

TO BE SOLD, to the highest Bidder, the second *Thursday* in *September*, for ready Money, or short Credit, four Lots in the Town of *Blandford*, adjoining each other, one of which is improved with a good Dwelling-House, two Rooms above and three below, a Cellar, Kitchen, Dairy, Smokehouse, and other necessary Houses.

(2‖) ALEXANDER GORDON.